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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Basic and Geographic Intelligence
FROM : Chief, Map Library Division, OBGI
SUBJECT : Status Report: [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. On February 17, 1971, [REDACTED] and I met with [REDACTED] in the Mapping, Charting and Geodesy Office of DIA. Our first meeting on the [REDACTED] program and the problem of positions had been about three weeks ago, with [REDACTED] is the Director, but is currently in Bangkok).

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25X1A 2. Following the first meeting, on 27 January I addressed a memo [REDACTED] in which I requested DIA assistance in the matter of positions. A copy of that was forwarded to your office.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] stated, on February 17, 1971, that no action had yet been taken on the memo. He and [REDACTED] felt that they must go through [REDACTED] with a DoD request that State continue to provide the eight positions. We reviewed State's point of view, as held by the Management Office, and explained that additional pressure on State, from our point of view, would not be likely to obtain the required positions. However, they will continue with this plan. If that does not work, then I believe they will entertain a second plan with respect to provision of positions. This is merely speculation on my part, and is not rooted in any of their statements.

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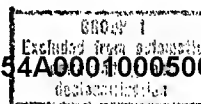
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25X1A 4. [REDACTED] said that he wanted to talk with Dr. Hodgson about this plan. Yesterday afternoon I reviewed the whole matter with Dr. Hodgson, so he is up to date on the problem.

5. We realize that the DIA plan is going to be a slow one, but we were unable to develop any plan which would work more rapidly. We did impress upon [REDACTED] the need for some rapid action, but I cannot guarantee any time elements.

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6. Dr. Hodgson reported yesterday that the Office of Management has not yet prepared State's position, due to the pressure of other problems. Said position, once developed, will be reviewed by Ray Cline, and then forwarded in a letter to General Cushman. Dr. Hodgson believes that the possibility of Management's concurrence in the plan for three field positions is reasonably good.



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